



Georgia HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Media Services Office

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1. How do I get a temporary media credential?

Visiting members of the media wishing to obtain a one-day, temporary pass must fill out and submit the online media credential application at least one (1) business day prior to the date in which on-site access is requested. Applicants must specify that they are applying for a temporary credential in the application. Applicants will be notified via email if his or her application is approved. Failure to meet these requirements does not guarantee visiting members of the media a temporary pass. The application is available on the House website at <http://www.house.ga.gov/mediaServices/en-US/MediaCredentials.aspx>.

2. When can I pick up my temporary media credential?

Credentials must be picked up from a House Media Services staff member no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the legislative day. Credentials will not be available for pick up once the legislative day has convened.

3. How do reporters get permanent credentials?

All media personnel seeking admission to the House press galleries must submit a completed online application and email a digital photo to betsy.theroux@house.ga.gov and camille.taylor@house.ga.gov. The application is available on the House website at <http://www.house.ga.gov/mediaServices/en-US/MediaCredentials.aspx>.

During the legislative session, permanent passes may only be issued at the discretion of House Media Services staff as time and resources allow.

4. Where are press conferences held?

Press conferences are generally held in room 610 of the Coverdell Legislative Office Building (CLOB), the South Anteroom of the House Chamber and the North and South Wing steps near the Rotunda on the 2nd floor of the Capitol. The South Anteroom is located between the Speaker's office and the House Chamber.

5. What basic services are provided by House Media Services to media staff?

In addition to providing House media credentials, House Media Services will facilitate questions and interview requests from members of the media. House Media Services also disseminates press releases and media advisories to accredited reporters.

6. Can a reporter interview a representative on the House floor?

No interviews are allowed on the House floor while the House is in daily session. Interviews must be conducted in the South Anteroom or in the Capitol hallways. The media alcoves on the 3rd and 4th floors by the rotunda of the Capitol are best suited for this.

However, credentialed members of the media may have access to the House floor during session only to request that a representative leave such areas for an interview. Following the request, reporters must leave such areas immediately. Reporters are allowed access to the House floor before the legislative day convenes, but must exit such areas 30 minutes before the House is scheduled to convene. The House Chamber Media Access Map is available on the House website at <http://www.house.ga.gov/mediaServices/en-US/MediaCredentials.aspx>.

7. Will the House Media Services Office issue a temporary credential if a permanently credentialed member of the media forgets their badge?

Members of the media who have received permanent House media credentials may be granted temporary media credentials **one (1) time** if they do not have their permanent media credentials with them for any reason.

8. Where is the House Media Services Office?

The House Media Services Office is located in suite 205 of the CLOB.

9. Does the House have any social media accounts?

House Media Services Office utilizes Twitter and Facebook to post press releases, media advisories, important updates and announcements for the public. During the legislative session, our staff live tweets House floor notes, which includes actions on legislation in the House.

Find the official House Twitter account @GAHouseHub here: <https://twitter.com/GaHouseHub>

Find the official House Facebook account here: <https://www.facebook.com/georgia.house.79/>

10. How can I sign up to receive press releases from the House Media Services Office?

To be added to the House Media Services Office's Capitol Press Corps list, please email betsy.theroux@house.ga.gov.